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82. A method according to claim 79, wherein a particular revoked certificate determines the path from the root of the tree to the node storing information about the particular revoked certificate.

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**REMARKS**

Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions after reviewing this document, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 617-832-1257.

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